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OLD TIME MELODIES.

SONGS THE DARKIES USED TO SING IN THE OLD SLAVE DAYS.

Negrots of the Present Day Cut Them Into Scrappy Discords-"Massa Will" Visits Old Mose, and Together They Recall the Happy Old Times.

The old time plantation songs of the slavery days have about passed away, and the negroes now cut the original melodies into scrappy discords and misung by the aged slave negroes, when to my dyin day."-Louisville Courierheart and soul are united in the song. Journal.

I have spent many a pleasant hour listening to the quaint songs of an old gray headed negro on my grandfather's plains of New Mexico is the thunder farm as he would rasp the screeching snakes. They are by ro means common, chords in accompaniment on his banjo. Yet they are often encountered by prairie thunders with a long drawn out note, rear claps of thunder, which are so terrifyway back, pat his feet and shake his old gray head. He enjoyed singing, and I enjoyed listening. I would take him little pieces of colored paper and all the Whenever a thunderstorm comes up mously in both Houses, placing \$50,colored glass I could find to get him to sing for me and to repeat the farfamed verse of alliteration, "Did you ever see a possum in a papaw patch a-pickin up papaws and a puttin 'em in his pocket to make a papaw pie for his papa?" This is the joy of his life, and their markings are very beautiful. They have indicated any other than the it never grew old or tiresome to him to are not poisonous, however; their bark is patriotic spirit thus exhibited. Not

Mose was his name, and not long since I concluded to pay him a visit and to hear again the songs I had so enjoyed when a child. I found his cabin and he was at home, being unable to get about much. I shook hands with the honest old negro and sat down. The light which came into his face showed how welcome I was, and we had a long talk.

Finally I asked him to take the dusty banjo from the wall and give me a few strains of "Nigger Foot In Ashes" at a lively clip. He did as I asked, and the old time vigor came upon him again. After playing awhile I asked him to sing me the corn shucking song the "niggers" used to sing while they danced the "rabbit dance," after the corn was all busked and the white folks death the canvas of this very picture had gone to hed. He was in fine spirits, and, with his head way back on his chair and his feet extended to keep time with

the banjo, he sang: "Early one mornin on my massa's farm—
Cut dat pigoon wing, Lizy Jane!—
I heard dem chickens a givin de alarm.
Shake ye' fest, Miss Lizy Jane!
Elaske yo' fest, miggere; i'll soon be day.
Hissa ketch us dancin, there'll — to pay!
We got to dig taters and bee dat cern.
Hit dat dubble shuffle, Lizy Jane!
You'd better be a humpin, cox it soon be

You'd better be a humpin, ooz it so Shake dat balmoral, Lizy Jane!"

After Moso finished singing this zong an eight inch grin played across his face from car to ear, his eyes sparkled and the old negro was happy again as if the young folks had gone through their dancing while he sang. He said, "Mas-sa Will, de best days ob de old nigger's life am done gone, but when I think ob de good old times we had befo' de wah dese bones ob mine gits young, and I want to git right up and hit de jig step ag'in like I use to do."

I told him I was something of dancer myself, and that if he would cut down lively on the old "barnyard cackle" I would show him a few steps in jig dancing. This tickled the wrin kled faced coon, and he sang and played in earnest:

"Rooster in de chieken ecop crowth fo' day, Horses in de stable go may, may, may, Ducks in de yard go quack, quack, quack, quack, And de goose goes filley-I-fee!

"Pigs in de yen keep a squealin fo' slop, Big dogs barkin like dey never will stop, Outness in de tree go pot-rack, pot-rack, And de gouse goes filley-l-fee!" I stopped him because I was out of

breath, and he laid back in his chair and laughed till his sides were aching. I pulled out a rabbit's foot and tossed it to him, and the effect was magical. He jumped "three feet on a rise and six feet on the stretch," and gave a whoop which was equal to a Comanche chief's After his fright was over he told me, whatever I did, not to put any more of these hoodees on him. I did not intend to frighten him, but wished to see if the superstition he had possessed in his young days had departed from him. gave him a shining dollar for scaring him so, and he was himself again. We had had a fine time in the few hours I had staid with him, and I asked him to pick up his banjo again and play and ing the tune he used to call "Mr. Kimble." His bony fingers raked across the strings again, and he sang the quaint song I had enjoyed often when a child:

Impure Blood in Spring. This is the almost universal exper-

ience. Diminished perspiration during the winter, rich foods and close conduement indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Kingman Miner. Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at

Hoop's Prins are the best family cathartic and liver tonic; Gentle re Sim Mexico limble, sure.

"You can't guess what we had fo' supper-Cum a rop-strop-bottle, Mr. Kimble!— Black eyed peas and bread and butter. Cum a rop-strop-bottle, Mr. Kimble!

"Reifsteak, ham and mutton chop— Cum a rop-strop-bottle, Mr. Kimble!— Make a nigger's lips go flippity dop. Cum a rop-strop-bottle, Mr. Kimble!" And after each verse be sang the cho-

Fisero, fitro, flavoray!
Rop-strop criwinkle, little yaller booger!
Cum a rop-strop-bottle, Mr. Kimble!" Though age had left its telling mark on the person of Mose, his rich voice was as clear as a bell, and the minstrel melodies into scrappy discords and mi-nor notes. A negro had rather strike a melody. I was not envious to leave miner note than to rub the waistband him, but the day was far spent, and I of his pants against a well filled table had several miles to go, so I hade him and eat. It seems that the peculiar tons goodby and left the faithful old servant holds a fascination for him which cannot be overcome. There is always something to interest you when you can hear a require old time plantation some as require old time plantation some as a genuine old time plantation song as ob Canyan, but I'll remember dis visit

Snakes That Like Thunder.

One of the wonders of the bare, sandy they have a regular picnic. They come crawling out of holes, from behind rocks and rotten stumps and enjoy the fun while it lasts. Their nature is quar-

Leighton's "Cimabue."

In describing a visit paid to the late the success of his first picture of note, which President McKinley has devel"Cimabue," and to the fact, which evi open in regard to this difficult ones.

"Where is the picture now?" he was asked "Don't I wish I knew!" he replied.

"It would be worth a fortune to me at the present time." And that was all the reference he made to it.

The curious part of the incident, how was discovered rolled up and thrown away in the coal cellar. -Strand Mag BEIDS.

Resented.

"That escaped criminal seems to have had rather the best of it. remarked the talkative friend.

'Not at all," replied the detective. drawing himself up haughtily "We've got him so frightened he doesn't dare show his face where we are." Wash ington Star.

Smart Lawyer.

Plankington-I understand that you had to go to law about that property that was left you. Have you a smart Bloomfeld-You bet I have. He owns

the property now. - Fick Me Up.

In Vienna the height of a house must not exceed 52 feet. The floor of the last story must not be more than 65.6 feet above the level of the street When the ground slopes, this measure must be taken from the highest point. The house must not have more than five stories, including the cellar and attics.

putridity.

of Prescott, has concluded to donate his collection of Northern Arizona prehistoric curios to the Normal school at Tempe. The collection is probably the most complete and interesting one of the kind to be had anywhere.

The Texas Democratic committee has adopted a rule providing that only the men who supported the Chicago platform in 1896 shall be permitted to participate in the Democratic primaries, which determination has driven out of the party a large number of strong Democrats, and seems likely to eventually drive them into ponds, warm as the winter has been, the Republican party, which has all and this ice is fully 18 inches thick ready gained so rapidly in Texas that and as clear as crystal. This company one-forth of the votes from the State has six artificial lakes and eight large were cast for the Republican tariff ice houses-Optic. measure recently put upon the statute books, a thing unheard of before in Democratic politics.

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President McKinley's hands are beng upheld by men of all parties in the crisis which confronts him and the nation in regard to Spain and Cuba. No President ever received it more strongly marked "vote of confidence" than did President McKinley when Congress, composed of three distinct ing to bipeds and quadrupeds, seem to parties, two of whom had been united Whenever a thunderstorm comes up mously in both Houses, placing \$50,-000,000 in his hands to expend as he might see fit in defense of the nation. Nor has there been a single instant or worse than their bite. - Chicago Record only does this action indicated a high degree of loyalty on the part of every official thus voting, but com-Lord Leighton, Mrs. Tooley said that plete confidence on their part in the the artist on that occasion referred to judgment and wisdom and policy oped in regard to this difficult quesdently still pained him, that his next tion which has attracted so much atpicture, "Orpheus," was greatly rid tention since long before his election and inauguration.

growing mere unpopular in England In view of the fact that those countries which have adopted protection are making such rapid progress in ever, lies in the fact that after his capturing the markets of the world. A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette, calling attention to the great loss in British rales to the United States since the adoption of the Dingley law, says: "England has given her all to the world and the world has not shown a ha'porth of gratitude. About a year ago Lord Sansoury complained that England could not longer force reasonable tariffs from other nations by threatening reprisals so long as the present systems endures. It is be coming even more difficult to find a reason why that system should en dure."

Hon, Frederick B. Gordon, of Colambus, Ga., in a recent communica tion to the Manufacturers' Record gives the mossbacke of that section a hard shot, by saying: "For real industrial advancement Georgia must dream no longer along the line of dead issues, and must drop from political preferment the many demagogues who fatten upon the prejudices of the people. Let Southern speakers deal The word "fie" or its equivalent in sound exists in all languages and in every one is expressive of disgnst. In the Leelandic the word "pfui" means trial world which she claims." This less in traditional oratory and teach ples that must prevail ere the South trial world which she claims." This sone of the many evidences of a The Gazette states that Dr. Miller, chauge of sentiment in the New

The Temple Bar Consolidated company will build a telegraph and telephone line from Kingman to Temple Bar via White Hills, a distance of over eighty miles. Two wires will be strung, and the line will be made one of the best in Arizona. The company is compelled to do this to expedite business between this point and the river.-Kingman Miner.

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